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Dear Senator Mathias:

Thank you for your inquiry on behalf of one of your constituents concerning the course of events in the Republic of Korea and the fate of opposition leader Kim Dae Jung and other defendants.

The U.S. Government has followed the trial with intense interest. We share your concern and are in continuing communication with Korean authorities, who are fully aware of our views. Mr. Kim's case is presently undergoing judicial review which we are monitoring very carefully.

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations

The Honorable
Charles McC. Mathias, Jr.,
United States Senate.

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